In their women German men possessed awkward but self-opinionated housewives, who belauded themselves so perseveringly that they had almost persuaded the world, and at any rate their husbands, of their peculiarly German housewifely virtue.— When the conversation turned on Germany's home and foreign policy, he used to say (he called It " betray the secret") that Germany's greatest statesman did not believe in great statesmen.—The future of Germany he found menaced and menacing, for Germans had forgotten how to enjoy themselves (an art that the Italians understood so well), but, by the great games of chance called wars and dynastic revolutions, had accustomed themselves to emotionalism, and consequently would one day have an *gmeute.* For that is the strongest emotion that a nation can procure for itself.—The German Socialist was all the more dangerous because impelled by no definite necessity: his trouble lay in not knowing what he wanted; so, even if he attained many of his objects, he would still pine away from desire in the midst of delights, just like Faust, but presumably like a very vulgar Faust. " For the Faust-Devil/' he finally exclaimed, " by whom cultured Germans were so much plagued, was exorcised by Bismarck ; but now the Devil has entered into the swine,* and is worse than ever! "

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OPINIONS.—Most men are nothing and count for nothing until they have arrayed themselves in

* Luke viii. 33.-—TR.